

LOOMIS LINEAGE

Nearly all those persons in the United States who are known by the name of Loomis are descended from Joseph Loomis, who settled in Windsor, Connecticut, in 1638. The name for more than a century has been spelled Loomis. Previous spellings at various times have been Lomis, Lomys, Lomas, Lummas, Lommis, Lomes, etcetera. In England the spelling now is Lomas while in the United States it is Loomis.

"Conclusive evidence points to the fact that the Lomas family in England came from Spain about the year 1400 or perhaps earlier. Loma in Spanish signifies a little hill and lomas is the plural of loma, signifying hills." (Loomis Genealogy, 1908, p 53)

"The name of Loomis and the blood it represented, when this surname originated, were both Saxon, neither being Norman, Celtic, Pictic, or other. The blood was of Lancastershire, and in that region the surname was first assumed. For eight hundred years, from Saxon times until the present hour, the Lomas family appears to have resided in the parish in which it first became a family having a surname." (L. Gen. p 53)

"Lawrnt Lomax of Lancaster County, England, was authorized to bear a coat-of-arms sometime prior to 1561." (L. Gen. p 28)

"The coat-of-arms taken from Berry's Pedigrees of Hertfordshire Families, page 103, is thus described: 'Ermine a Greyhound, courant bet 3 escallops, sable, Crest, a demi greyhound Argent, collard Gules.'" (L. Gen. p 29) "Within a comparatively recent period, the Lomas family has assumed an independent coat-of-arms.***** In the British Herald, by Thomas Robson, Sunderland, 1830, and in numerous more recent works on heraldry, the Lomas coat-of-arms is described thus: 'Argent bet 2 palets, Gules 3 fleurs de lis in pale sable, a chief azure. Crest, on a chapeau a pelican vulning herself proper.'" (L.G. p29)

"Joseph Loomis, son of John and Agnes Loomis, was probably born before 1590, England; married in Messing, County Essex, England, June 30, 1614, Mary White, Bap. Aug. 24, 1590, (S&S N.E.H. & G. Register, Vol. 55, pp 28-9, for copy of Register of Shalford, England, marriages and baptisms); d Windsor, Aug. 23, 1652.

"Mary White was a daughter of Robert and Bridget Allgar White of Messing, County Essex, England, who were married June 24, 1585.

"Joseph Loomis was a woolen-draper in Braintree, Essex County, England; sailed from London April 11, 1638, in the ship 'Susan and Ellen', and arrived at Boston, July 17, 1638, tarrying about one year at Dorchester, Mass., it is thought. It is mentioned in the town records of Windsor, Vol. 1, that on the 2nd of Feb., 1640, he had granted him from the plantation 21 acres adjoining Farmington river, on the west side of the Connecticut river, this 21 acres including the site of the first English settlement made in Connecticut, (see Records of Abigail Wolcott Ellsworth Chapter, D.A.R.), also several large tracts of land on the east side of the Connecticut, partly from the town and partly by purchase.